

has purchased insurance in an amount of not less than [\$1,000,000] \$350,000 against liability for injury to persons arising out of the use of the amusement ride or attraction.

(2) A NONMECHANICAL AMUSEMENT RIDE OR AMUSEMENT ATTRACTION MAY NOT OPERATE UNLESS THE OWNER OR LESSEE OF SUCH RIDE OR ATTRACTION HAS PURCHASED INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT OF NOT LESS THAN \$200,000 AGAINST LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO PERSONS ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF THE AMUSEMENT RIDE OR AMUSEMENT ATTRACTION.

~~(2) A ski lift may not operate unless the owner or lessee of such ride or attraction has purchased insurance in an amount of not less than \$500,000 against liability for injury to persons arising out of the use of the ski lift.~~

(B) THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE AMUSEMENT RIDE OR AMUSEMENT ATTRACTION IS LOCATED MAY PURCHASE, ON BEHALF OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE AMUSEMENT RIDE OR AMUSEMENT ATTRACTION. A COUNTY THAT MERELY PURCHASES INSURANCE FOR A LESSEE OR OWNER OF AN AMUSEMENT RIDE OR AMUSEMENT ATTRACTION IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY TO INDIVIDUALS ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF THE AMUSEMENT RIDE OR ATTRACTION.

~~(b)~~ (C) The insurance policy shall be procured from any insurer or surety that is acceptable to the Insurance Commissioner of Maryland.

~~(c)~~ (D) A certificate of insurance shall be furnished to the Commissioner prior to the issuance of a certificate of inspection.

(E) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT RIDE" MEANS ANY MECHANICAL DEVICE THAT CARRIES OR CONVEYS PASSENGERS ALONG, AROUND, OR OVER A FIXED OR RESTRICTED ROUTE OR COURSE OR WITHIN A DEFINED AREA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING ITS PASSENGERS AMUSEMENT, PLEASURE, THRILLS, OR EXCITEMENT.

(3) "NONMECHANICAL AMUSEMENT RIDE" MEANS ANY DEVICE THAT CARRIES OR CONVEYS PASSENGERS BY THE PASSENGERS' OWN POWER OR BY GRAVITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WATER SLIDES AND WATER FLUMES, ALONG, AROUND OR OVER A FIXED OR RESTRICTED ROUTE OR COURSE OR WITHIN A DEFINED AREA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING ITS PASSENGERS AMUSEMENT, PLEASURE, THRILLS, OR EXCITEMENT.

~~SECTION--2--AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 17, 1987.~~